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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

James Redding

Application No.: 09/913,308

Examiner: J. R. Paradiso

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For: SECURITY UNIT

To: Assistant Commissioner
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RESPONSE

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed 03-October-2002.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed 3-October-2002. In that Office Action, the Examiner indicated that an abstract on a separate sheet of paper is required for this application. Accordingly, Applicant has provided an abstract on a separate sheet of paper with this response.

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gomez et al. (US 4372478). Gomez discloses a fare box 105 particularly for use on a bus. The fare box is able to receive coins, paper money, tickets, vouchers and the like. The fare box stores these items within chambers as illustrated in figures 14 and 15. Gomez teaches that the paper collected in the paper chamber 200 and the coins collected in the coin chamber 210 are